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1. 32ND GA SLATES --

SLATES FOR THE 32ND GA INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO
YUGOSLAVIA (DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MOJSOV) FOR PRESIDENT,

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENTS: FIVE PERMANENT SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS -- CHINA, FRANCE, USSR, UK, US; WEO'S (2 SEATS) --DENMARK, NETHERLANDS; AFRICA/ASIA (7 SEATS) -- LIBYA, MADAGASCAR, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, JORDAN, INDONESIA, IRAN, CYPRUS, FIJI; LATIN AMERICA (3 SEATS) -- ECUADOR, GUATEMALA, PERU. CANDIDATES FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS ARE: COMMITTEE 1 -- GHANA; SPECIAL POLITICAL -- GDR; 2 -- AUSTRIA; 3 -- PHILIPPINES; 4 -- SYRIA; 5 -- IRAN; AND 6 -- COLOMBIA.
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2. US-SOVIET DISCUSSIONS --

AT GENEVA LUNCHEON MEETING OF SOVIET AND US DELEGATIONS TO ECOSOC, THE SOVIETS EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT "UNJUSTIFIED" ASSESSED BUDGET INCREASES AND THE CONTINUING INEFFICIENCIES OF THE UN SYSTEM. AFTER AMB WELLS COMMENTED SOME OF THE SOVIET CONCERNS ABOUT THE EFFICIENCY OF THE UN SYSTEM MIGHT BE MET THROUGH THE CURRENT EXERCISE ON RESTRUCTURING, NESTERENKO (USSR) EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT THE RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE WOULD MAKE MUCH MEANINGFUL PROGRESS. AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE ASKED WHY THE USG OPPOSED THE SOVIET PROPOSALS IN THE ECE FOR EUROPEAN CONGRESSES ON ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND TRANSPORT, EMPHASIZING THE OBJECTIVE WAS NOT POLITICAL. HE COMMENTED THIS WAS PERHAPS NOT THE BEST TIME TO TRY TO FIND A COM-
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MON GROUND BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND AMB YOUNG SPOKE OF NEED TO CONTINUE SUCH CONSULTATIONS AND IMPORTANCE OF ATTEMPTING TO REACH A COMMON UNDERSTANDING ON MAJOR ISSUES. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2512)

3. COMMITTEE ON INDIAN OCEAN --

THE JAPANESE RESPONSE TO THE NOTE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN REGARDING THE PROGRAM OF ACTION LEADING TO THE CONVENING OF A CONFERENCE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN STATES JAPAN BELIEVES THAT ONLY IF A COMMON UNDERSTANDING ON IMPORTANT ISSUES IS REACHED THROUGH DISCUSSIONS, FORMAL OR INFORMAL, WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO FORMULATE A DETAILED ACTION PROGRAM FOR CONVENING THIS CONFERENCE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 2515)

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4. CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL --

AUSTRALIANS INFORMED USUN THAT FRG WILL PAY ALL
COSTS OF EUROPEAN REGIONAL PREPARATORY CONFERENCE FOR
CONGRESS ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL, KUWAIT "MAY
PAY" FOR MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE, AND COSTA RICA "POS-
SIBLY" WILL HOST CONFERENCE BUT IT IS "STILL IN DOUBT"
WHETHER IT WILL PAY COSTS. NO ASIAN COUNTRIES YET PRE-
PARED TO HOST OR FUND ASIAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE, THOUGH
PHILIPPINES MIGHT BE WILLING TO HOST IF FUNDING COULD
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BE FOUND. AUSTRALIANS CLARIFIED THAT THE ESTIMATED
\$45,000 IS TO FUND CONSULTANT REPORTS FOR ALL REGIONAL
CONFERENCES AND ATTENDANCE OF SOME EXPERTS. ALTHOUGH
THEY WERE UNDER IMPRESSION IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR UN TO
MEET COSTS OF CONSULTANT REPORTS AND EXPERT PARTICIPATION,
SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL INFORMED USUN THAT SUCH IS NOT THE
CASE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 2513)

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5. COMMITTEE ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES --

REPRESENTATIVES OF FRANCE, MEXICO, CANADA, SWEDEN AND ITALY SPOKE IN GENERAL DEBATE IN COMMITTEE AUG. 5. CHAIRMAN HARRIMAN (NIGERIA) SUGGESTED INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AMONG MEMBERS MIGHT BEGIN SOON IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE WORK ON A DRAFT CONVENTION. IN PARTICULAR THE FRG, WHICH SUBMITTED A WORKING PAPER, MIGHT WANT TO CONSULT WITH MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN GROUP, WHICH WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES IN ZIMBABWE, HE ADDED.

DELEAU (FRANCE), SPOKE OF THE INSURRECTIONARY MOVEMENT THAT KIDNAPPED SIX FRENCH NATIONALS IN MAURITANIA, AND SAID FRANCE FAVORED AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION BASED ON THE FRG DRAFT WHICH WOULD FOLLOW THE PRINCIPLE OF "EXTRADITE OR PUNISH, " AS IN THE CONVENTIONS OF TOKYO, THE HAGUE AND MONTREAL. WANG (CANADA) ALSO THOUGHT THE WIDELY ACCEPTED PRINCIPLE OF "PROSECUTE OR EXTRADITE" SHOULD PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S WORK. DE ICAZA (MEXICO), WHO WOULD SUPPORT THE DRAWING UP OF A CONVENTION, SAID IT SHOULD NOT REPEAT THE PROVISIONS OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS, SHOULD NOT HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR ACTS TAKING PLACE WITHIN INDIVIDUAL TERRITORIES, CONFIDENTIAL

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SHOULD NOT AFFECT THE LAW OF ASYLUM, AND MUST CLEARLY DEFINE THE OFFENSES IT SOUGHT TO REMEDY.

LARSSON (SWEDEN) AGREED WITH THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE FRG DRAFT WAS BASED, AND HE THOUGHT THERE WAS NO CONFLICT BETWEEN THE STRUGGLE OF PEOPLE FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIBERATION FROM POLITICAL OPPRESSION, ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE PROSECUTION OF PERSONS WHO TOOK HOSTAGES, ON THE OTHER. DANОВI (ITALY) DISAGREED WITH THAT DELEGATION WHICH STRESSED THE PRIMARY NEED FOR DEFINING THE WORD "HOSTAGE." IT WAS MOST IMPORTANT TO DEFINE THE CRIME FIRST, AND TO HELP THE VICTIM. COMMENTING ON AERIAL HIJACKING, HE CITED THE CONVENTION BETWEEN THE US AND CUBA AS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCOURAGING SUCH HIJACKING.

6. COMMITTEE ON ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION --

THE COMMITTEE AUG. 3, 4 AND 5 CONSIDERED REPORTS FROM THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, UPPER VOLTA, JORDAN, VENEZUELA, ITALY AND THE UK. IN CONNECTION WITH JORDAN'S REPORT, A DECISION WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS WHICH EXPRESSED

THE HOPE THAT THE DISPLACED POPULATION OF THE ISRAELI-
OCCUPIED WEST BANK WOULD SOON RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AND
ENJOY FULLY THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS,
NOTED JORDAN HAD BEEN PREVENTED FROM FULFILLING ITS OBLI-
GATIONS UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN A PART OF
ITS TERRITORY, AND EXPRESSED "GRAVE CONCERN AT THIS UN-
ACCEPTABLE STATE OF AFFAIRS." SOVIET EXPERT NASINOVSKY
WAS APPOINTED TO THE WORKING GROUP ON THE ATLANTIC
OCEAN AND CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES, INCLUDING GIBRALTAR.
NASINOVSKY AND PANAMANIAN EXPERT MARTINEZ WERE ELECTED
AS VICE CHAIRMEN, THUS COMPLETING THE BUREAU.

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